

7 out of 10 filled jobs recovered by December quarter

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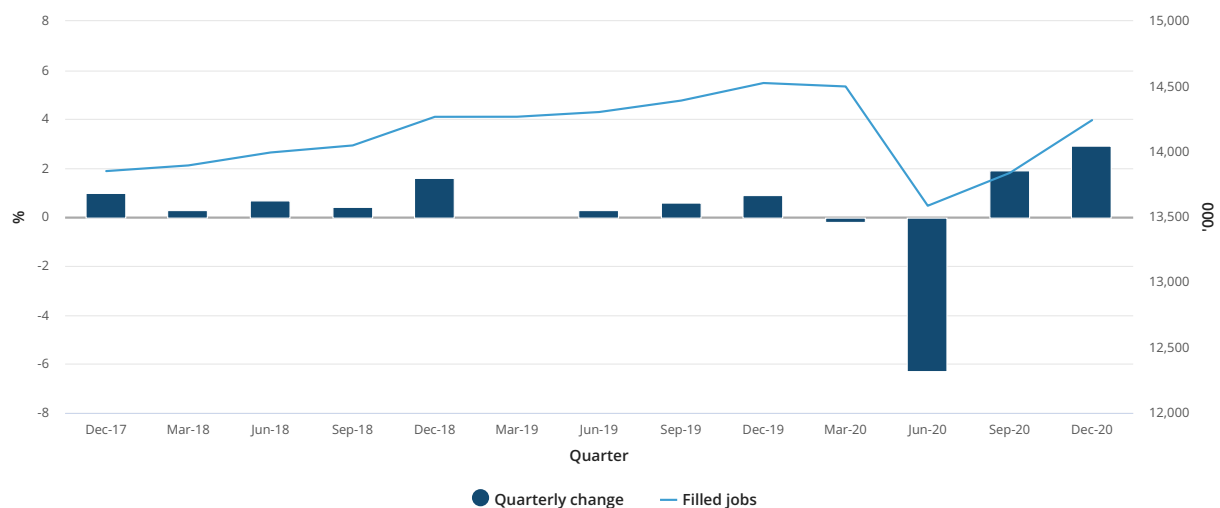
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Source: [Labour Account Australia, December 2020](#)

Filled jobs increased by 2.9 per cent in the December quarter 2020, seasonally adjusted, according to figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Bjorn Jarvis, head of Labour Statistics at the ABS, said: "Filled jobs increased by 403,700 over the December quarter. There were 14.2 million filled jobs, up from a low of 13.6 million in the June quarter. Around 7 out of 10 of the filled jobs that were lost during the March and June quarters have now been regained."

Filled jobs, Australia, seasonally adjusted



Filled jobs grew in almost all industries in the December quarter, continuing the recovery from the June quarter. The largest quarterly increase was seen in the Health care and social assistance industry (6.2 per cent), which rose to a record high of more than 2 million filled jobs, and grew by 6.8 per cent over the year. Filled jobs remained lower than the previous year's levels in 13 out of the 19 industries.

In the December quarter, around 6.0 per cent of employed people worked more than one job, up slightly from 5.7

per cent in the September quarter. This reflected faster growth in secondary jobs (8.3 per cent), compared to jobs worked by people as their main job (2.5 per cent).

The Labour Account is the best source of headline information on employment by industry and sector, drawing upon the broad range of labour market statistics produced by the ABS. It contains a range of key indicators for jobs, people, hours, and payments back to September quarter 1994.

Further information is available in [Labour Account Australia \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-account-australia/dec-2020\)](#).

Media notes

- The Australian Labour Account complements other ABS measures to build a more comprehensive picture of the labour market. Labour Account data provides the number of filled jobs at a point-in-time each quarter, while the Jobs in Australia data provides insights into all jobs held throughout the year, and Labour Force Survey data measures the number of people employed each month.
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